

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 14, wherein the package is a beverage making capsule that contains a beverage making ingredient.
10. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 9, wherein the capsule further comprises a compostable filter sheet inside the capsule and bonded to an internal surface of the capsule.
11. (Cancelled)
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13. (Cancelled)
14. (Previously presented) An environmentally friendly package comprising:
two compostable sheets, each sheet comprising an outer substrate layer and an inner multilayer sealing film, the inner sealing film having a core of a high-melting-point and a surface layer of a lower melting point, the sheets each having a top and bottom seam and side edge seams, wherein the two sheets are bonded together in a face-to-face relationship in which the top and side edge seams are bonded together with a high sealing strength using temperatures higher than 160° C and the bottom seams are bonded with a low sealing strength using temperatures of about 100° C to 150° C.

15. (Previously presented) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 14, wherein a nozzle is inserted into the top seam.
16. (Currently amended) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 14, wherein the peel strength of the region of sealing having the low heat sealing strength is in the range of 2N to 30N.
17. (Currently amended) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 16, wherein the peel strength of the region of sealing having the low heat sealing strength is in the range of 5N to 20N.
18. (Currently amended) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 14, wherein the peel strength of the region of sealing having the higher sealing strength is greater than 30N.
19. (Currently amended) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 18, wherein the peel strength of the region of sealing having the higher sealing strength is greater than 50N.
20. (Currently amended) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 14, wherein at least one of the compostable sheets is laminated.
21. (Currently amended) The environmentally friendly package according to claim 14, wherein a flexible reinforcing strip is attached along the bottom seam to provide more controlled opening of the seam.
22. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of an environmentally friendly package comprising the steps of:

providing a compostable sheet material comprising an outer compostable outer substrate layer and an inner multilayer sealing film, the sealing film having a core of a high-melting-point and a surface layer of a lower melting point, the sheet material having a top, bottom and side edges;

placing two webs of the compostable sheet material together with the inner films in a face-to-face relationship; and

sealing the in top, bottom and side edges together to form seams in which the top and side edges are bonded together with a high sealing strength using temperatures higher than 160° C and the bottom seams are bonded with a low sealing strength using temperatures of about 100° C to 150° C.

23. (Previously presented) The method of manufacture according to claim 22, wherein the peel strength of the region of sealing having the low heat sealing strength is in the range of 2N to 30N.
24. (Currently amended) The method of manufacture environmentally friendly according to claim 22, wherein the peel strength of the region of sealing having the higher sealing strength is greater than 30N.
25. (Previously presented) The method of manufacture according to claim 22, further including the step of inserting a nozzle into the top seam.
26. (Currently amended) The method of manufacture according to claim 22, ~~further including the alternate~~ wherein the step of placing two webs of the compostable sheet material together is replaced by the step of folding

over a single compostable sheet so that the inner film is in
a face-to-face relationship prior to sealing the edges.